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January 31, 2005

Mr. Bill Bolen
Chief, Response Section II
Emergency Response Branch
United States Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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Dear Mr. Bolen:

I am requesting the Region 5 Offices of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) assign an On-Scene Coordinator to conduct a time-critical removal assessment at the Former Harvester Square site located in Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois.

The Former Harvester Square site is located within a residential area between 370 – 450 South Street. Based upon information gathered from the City of Sycamore, an individual used the space in the building to experiment with a variety of materials. Some of these materials are known to contain hazardous constituents. The individual responsible for causing the current situation is no longer viable and appears unable to remediate this problem.

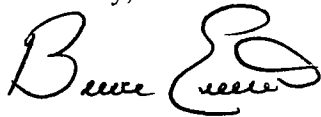
The City of Sycamore has since acquired the assets of the building including its contents. In 2004, the city retained the services of Marlin Environmental, Incorporated to conduct a Phase I Environmental Investigation of the site. Phase I activities included a thorough inventory of the building along with its condition. There are over 300 drums, containers, and vats within the building. There is sample data that suggests that asbestos is present although the exact locations of the sampled areas are not known at this time. The Phase I Assessment also indicated that the building is in a deteriorated state. Numerous attempts by the city to seal off the building from outside intrusion has failed. A summary of Phase I activities is attached along with a site map.

Due to the unknown contaminants within the building, financial inability of a responsible party, and the fact that the building is in poor condition this site poses a threat to the surrounding population. The City of Sycamore has formally requested any assistance that Illinois EPA or U.S. EPA can provide to address the human health threats posed by this site.

Mr. Tony Wasilewski from the Office of Site Evaluation will serve as Illinois EPA's contact person for Removal Coordination Activities for this project. Before the time-critical removal process begins, Illinois EPA requests that a site meeting take place in order to discuss program goals and objectives for this project. At that time, Illinois EPA will also make available all necessary file information and a copy of the previously prepared Phase 1 Environmental Investigation. Please have your On-Scene Coordinator arrange a meeting with Tony at 217-557-3200 or myself at the above reference phone number as soon as possible to arrange a site visit and discuss future site activities.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with U.S. EPA in this and other future removal activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Everetts".

Bruce Everetts
Office of Site Evaluation
Division of Remediation Management
Bureau of Land

cc: Division File, w/ attachments
Tony Wasilewski, OSE, w/o attachments
Mark Books, OBA, w/o attachments



Marlin Environmental, Inc.

January 26, 2005

Mr. Mark T. Books, Project Manager
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**RE: CITY OF SYCAMORE BROWNFIELD GRANT - FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR
DRUM/CONTAINERS/DEBRIS REMOVAL
ROOM INVENTORY SHEET
DEKALB COUNTY /// #0370555069
SYCAMORE - FORMER HARVESTER SQUARE FACILITY (DiNicola)
370 - 450 South Street, Sycamore, Illinois**

Dear Mr. Books:

The following is an inventory sheet of each "Room" at the above referenced facility. Please refer to **Figure 1** for geographic reference and illustration. The following is approximate.

Room "A" - Was cleared of all non-hazardous debris and drums beginning on June 17, 2004. Potentially hazardous contents of Room "A" not cleared are four (4) steel drums with ~20-gallon capacities and unknown unlabeled contents.

Room "B" - Was cleared of all non-hazardous debris beginning on June 17, 2004. Room "B" had no potentially hazardous contents and is considered "clear".

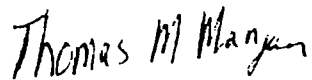
Room "C" - Was cleared of all non-hazardous debris beginning on June 17, 2004. Potentially hazardous contents of Room "C" not cleared are 20 "unidentified" 55-gallon steel drums and a 30-gallon drum of liquid bacteria softener.

Room "D" - Was cleared of all non-hazardous debris beginning on June 17, 2004. Potentially hazardous contents of Room "D" not cleared are several 55-gallon drums of Toluene, one (1) damaged leaking sulfuric acid drum (currently secured), 2 skids of unknown chemicals.

Room "E" - Remains to be accessed. There were minimal threats observed in Room "E". Room "E" is structurally sound but contains only minor apparent debris.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call us at (847) 468-8855. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
MARLIN ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.



Thomas M. Mangan, IL PG
Senior Project Manager



Kyle Webb
Project Manager

Enclosure: Figure 1 – Site Plan

C: Mr. Bill Nicklas, Sycamore City Manager
Mr. Steve Colantino, Director Brownfields Program - IEPA
Mr. Scott Hacke, IEPA - SRP Project Manager
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